Bombay Port Trust

*228. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Members of Parliament have written to the Minister of State for Transport in the last few months regarding the valuation of Bombay Port Trust lands-revision of rent of monthly tenancies and 15 monthly leases;

(b) whether a meeting was convened on November 24, 1983 by the Transport Ministry in this regard; what has been the progress since then;

(c) whether the progress is unsatisfactory and inordinately delayed, if so what are the reasons thereof; and

(d) what is the present status of the matter and steps to be taken in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) At a meeting convened by the Minister of Shipping and Transport on 24-11-1983 it was decided that Bombay Port Trust would discuss with the Land Users' Action Committee representations made by them against the revision in estate rentals made by Bombay Port Trust with effect from 1-10-1982. Even though a number of discussions were held with the committee, no mutually acceptable solutions emerged. The Committee has submitted to Bombay Port Trust on 25-8-1986 certain revised proposals which are under consideration of the Board of

Dismal performance by Indian Athletes at Asian Athletic competition at Singapore

*229. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the dismal and below standard performance by Indian athletes at the Asian Athletic competition recently held at Singapore; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The performance of Indian athletes in the 7th Asian Track & Field Meet held at Singapore was satisfactory. Nine athletes were sent for the competition and they won 7 medals including 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze, with two record breaking performances.

(b) Does not arise.

Festival of India in Japan

*230. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the Festival of India to promote Indian culture will be held in Japan;

(b) what is the total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred in the Festival of India in Japan; and

(c) whether Government propose to export antiques and art objects

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Festival of India in Japan will take place from April to October, 1988.

(b) The total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the Festival of India in Japan is Rs. 400 lakhs.

(c) It is proposed to send some art objects and antiques for display purposes only in certain Exhibitions.

Expansion of Vayudoot Services

*231. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was appointed to recommend measures for the expansion of Vayudoot services;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) if so, to what extent these have been accepted and the steps taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In the year 1983, Shri R. P. Billimoria, the then Part-time Chairman of Indian Airlines, was asked to undertake a study regarding the organisational structure of Vayudoot, its present and future operations and the economic viability of operations etc.

(b) The committee made as many as 48 recommendations dealing with corporate planning, wage structure, fleet augmentation, financial viability etc.

(c) and (d) Of the 48 recommendations, 39 recommendations were accepted by the Government for implementation. Four recommendations which were advisory in nature were noted and the remaining five recommendations were not found acceptable by the Government. Vayudoot have already been asked to implement the recommendations accepted by the Government.

West Coast line from Apta on Central Railway

*232. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of West Coast line from Apta on Central Railway to Mangalore on Southern Railway via Roha, Dasgaon, Ratnagiri, Madgaon, Karwar and Udupi, through Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka, has been finalised; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The New Line from Apta to Roha has been commissioned. Survey to evaluate the project for construction of West-Coast line as a whole from Roha to Mangalore has been taken up and is in progress.

Alleged anti-Indian activities by foreign scholars in the Indian Institutes of Advanced Studies, Shimla

*233. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of